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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, SU, YS
SUBJECT: PDRY SUDAN AGREEMENT

1. WE HAVE SEEN NOTHING IN PRESS BUT LOCAL SUDANESE
AMBASSADOR TELLS US THAT DURING NIMEIRI'S VISIT TO ADEN
CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED.

2. AMBASSADOR SAYS CULTURAL AGREEMENT IS MOST IMPORTANT
PART AS IT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE SOME SPACES IN SUDANESE
SCHOOLS, AT UNIVERSITY LEVELS AS WELL AS BEFORE AND AFTER.
"WE WILL APPEAL TO THEM AS ARABS. THIS WILL TURN THEM
AWAY FROM COMMUNISM".

3. ECONOMIC AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR SOME EXPERTS OVER
AND ABOVE THE 29 THERE ALREADY AND FOR FOOD SALES WHICH
MAY BE FINANCED BY THIRD COUNTRY ("THE SAUDIS AGAIN,"
SAID THE AMBASSADOR).

4. NIMEIRI IS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT SALIM RUBAY'I
ALI COMPLAINED REPEATEDLY THAT SOVIETS HAVE DONE
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NOTHING TO HELP ECONOMY. AMBASSADOR SAID EXAMPLE IS
FISHERIES PROJECT, WHICH ENDS UP EXPORTING ALL ITS
FISH TO SOVIET UNION. CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVING NOW,
SAID AMBASSADOR, AND REASON IS CLEAR TO EVERYONE:
AID AND RECOGNITION BY MODERATE ARABS.

5. AS STRAW IN WIND, AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT DURING

VISIT ABDAL FATTAH ISMAIL NEVER SHOWED UP AT AIRPORT
OR ANY OTHER FUNCTIONS. ACCORDING TO SUDANESE
REPORTS, ABDAL FATTAH OPPOSES ALL NRE PDRY MEASURES,
BUT ESPECIALLY RAPPROACHEMENT WITH BOURGEOIS
STATES IN AREA. HE IS HOWEVER IN WEAKENED CONDITION.
COMMENT: ARABS (LIKE EVERYONE ELSE) CAN SEE WORLD AS
ALL GOOD (OR ALL BAD) DEPENDING ON MOOD OF MOMENT BUT
IT MAY STILL BE WORTH NOTING THAT MODERATE ARABS, WHO
HAVE LONG FEARED AND DESPISED PDRY, ARE PRESENTLY IN
A VERY UPBEAT MOOD ABOUT CHANGES IN POLITICAL
ORIENTATION IN THE SOUTH.
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